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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _03 August 2007_.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) _1-9,11,25-33,35,36 and 49-61_ is/are pending in the application.

   4a) Of the above claim(s) _10,12-24,34 and 37-48_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) _1-9,11,25-33,35,36 and 49-61_ is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☒ Claim(s) _ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☒ The drawing(s) filed on _20 August 2003_ is/are: a)☒ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

   Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

   Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

   a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

   1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

   2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

   3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

   * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
   Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the amendment filed on August 3, 2007.

2. Claims 1-9, 11, 25-33, 35-36, and 49-62 have been examined.

Response to Amendments

3. Per Applicants' request, claims 1, 11, 25, and 61-62 have been amended, and claims
10, 12-24, 34, and 37-48 have been canceled.

4. The 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection over claim 10 is withdrawn in view of
Applicants' amendments.

5. The 35 USC §101 rejection over claims 1-9, 13-21, and 61 is withdrawn in view of
Applicants' amendments.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicants' arguments have been fully considered.

a) Currently amended claims 1-9, 11, 25-33, 35-36, and 61: Applicants'
amendments necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action
as set forth in details below.

b) Originally filed claims 49-60 and 62: Applicants' arguments have been fully
considered. However, they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain
features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies
(i.e., "...obtaining task information for a plurality of _software applications_ installed on the
computer system", Remarks, page 11, lines 11-12) are not recited in the rejected
claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from
the specification are not read into the claims. See In re Van Geuns, 988 F.2d 1181, 26
USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993).

The plain language of claims merely calls for "...a _plurality of components_
installed on the computer" (e.g., claim 1, line 3), which further comprises "_hardware_

component" (e.g., claim 2, line 2), "software component" (e.g., claim 3, line 2), and/or "operating system components" (e.g., claim 4, line 2).

Accordingly, Applicants' arguments are not persuasive. The examiner respectfully maintains grounds of rejection over claims 49-60 and 62 as set forth in details below.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

8. Claims 1-9, 11, 25-33, 35-36, and 61 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,421,065 to Walden et al. (art made of record, hereinafter "Walden").

Claim 1:

Walden discloses a task library, a computer system, a computer-readable medium, and *a method for creating a task library on a computer* (e.g., FIG. 2, col.2: 61 – col.3: 25), *comprising:*

obtaining task data for a plurality of components installed on the computer (e.g., FIG. 1, col.2: 47-61);

wherein the task data comprises reference information to assist a user in regard to the plurality of components (e.g., col.3: 26-60), *and*

wherein at least some task data corresponding to the plurality of components is configured such that the corresponding component may be manipulated from within the task library (e.g., FIG. 3, col.3: 26-60);

generating task links referencing the task data for the plurality of components according to a predetermined schema (e.g., FIG. 11, col.11: 28-58); *and*

storing the task data and the task links as the task library (e.g., FIG. 1-3 and related text).

Claim 2:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises at least one hardware component* (e.g., col.9: 14-67).

Claim 3:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises at least one software component* (e.g., FIG. 8, col.7: 55 – col.8: 14).

Claim 4:

The rejection of claim 3 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises operating system components* (e.g., FIG. 6C, col.7: 14-54).

Claim 5:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises at least one hardware component and at least one software component* (e.g., col.11: 28-58).

Claim 6:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer comprises at least one remote component* (e.g., col.2: 61 – col.3: 25).

Claim 7:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the plurality of components installed on the computer are from a plurality of component providers* (e.g., FIG. 4, col.3: 26-60).

Claim 8:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the predetermined schema organizes the task links referencing the task data according to predetermined topics* (e.g., col.2: 61 – col.3: 25).

Claim 9:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the predetermined schema organizes the task links referencing the task data according to an alphabetic ordering of the subject matter of the task data* (e.g., FIG. 1, col.2: 47-61).

Claim 11:

The rejection of claim 1 is incorporated. Walden also discloses *the task data further comprises a plurality of tasks, and wherein each task corresponds to a particular topic relating to a corresponding component of the plurality of components* (e.g., col.9: 14-67).

Claims 25-33 and 35-36:

Claims 25-33 and 35-36 are computer system versions, which recite the same limitations as those of claims 1-9 and 11, wherein all claimed limitations have been addressed and/or set forth above. Therefore, as the reference teaches all of the limitations of the above claims, it also teaches all of the limitations of claims 25-33 and 35-36.

Claim 61:

Claim 61 is a computer-readable storage medium version, which recites the same limitations as those of claim 1, wherein all claimed limitations have been

addressed and/or set forth above. Therefore, as the reference teaches all of the limitations of the above claim, it also teaches all of the limitations of claim 61.

9. Claims 49-60 and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Blewett (art of record, US Patent No. 6,327,589).

Claim 49:

Blewett discloses *a method for executing a task on a computer without changing component context from the current component, the method comprising:*

retrieving a plurality of tasks from a task library, the task library comprising a plurality of tasks from a plurality of components installed on the computer (e.g., col.7: 2-32; col.4: 49 – col.5: 3);

displaying the retrieved tasks to a user (e.g., FIG. 5, block 535; FIG. 7, blocks 725 and 750; col.6: 37-61);

detecting the user's selection of a displayed task (e.g., col.1: 22-39; col.3: 8-22; col.7; 33 – col.8: 21); *and*

executing an action associated with the selected task without changing the apparent context from the current component (e.g., col.1: 12-39; col.3: 8-22; col.6: 62 – col.7: 32).

Claim 50:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *tasks from at least one software component* (e.g., col.1: 40-67).

Claim 51:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *tasks from at least one hardware component* (e.g., col.4: 49-67).

Claim 52:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *tasks from at least one hardware component and at least one software component* (e.g., col.6: 62 – col.7: 32).

Claim 53:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *tasks from operating system components* (e.g., col.5: 31-47).

Claim 54:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *tasks in the task library are organized according to a predefined schema* (e.g., FIG. 1, col.4: 49-67; col.1: 40-67).

Claim 55:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *retrieving a plurality of tasks from the task library further comprises retrieving the plurality of tasks from the task library according to the current component's context* (e.g., col.4: 49-65).

Claim 56:

The rejection of claim 49 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *the retrieved tasks are displayed to a user according to a determined relevancy of the tasks* (e.g., col.2: 60 – col.3: 22).

Claim 57:

The rejection of claim 56 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *the retrieved tasks are displayed to a user according to a determined relevancy of the tasks, such that more relevant tasks are displayed more prominently to the user* (e.g., col.3: 1-22).

Claim 58:

The rejection of claim 56 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *the determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to the frequency with which the user has previously selected each task* (e.g., col.3: 23-43; col.4: 21-34).

Claim 59:

The rejection of claim 56 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *the determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to the frequency with which a plurality of users have previously selected each task* (e.g., col.4: 35-46).

Claim 60:

The rejection of claim 56 is incorporated. Blewett also discloses *determined relevancy of the tasks is determined according to computer state information* (e.g., col.4: 49-65).

Claim 62:

Claim 62 is a computer-readable medium version, which recites the same limitations as those of claim 49, wherein all claimed limitations have been addressed and/or set forth above. Therefore, as the reference teaches all of the limitations of the above claim, it also teaches all of the limitations of claim 62.

10. Claims 49 and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cohen (art of record, US Patent No. 7,024,658).

Claim 49:

Cohen discloses *a method for executing a task on a computer without changing component context from the current component, the method comprising:*

retrieving a plurality of tasks from a task library, the task library comprising a plurality of tasks from a plurality of components installed on the computer (e.g., FIG. 4, blocks 400-402, col.7: 62 – col.8: 6);

displaying the retrieved tasks to a user (e.g., FIG. 4, blocks 404-410, col.8: 6-15, col.4: 26-58);

detecting the user's selection of a displayed task (e.g., FIG. 4, blocks 400 and 406, col.7: 62 – col.8: 15; col.4: 26-58); *and*

executing an action associated with the selected task without changing the apparent context from the current component (e.g., FIG. 4, block 410, col.8: 1-15; FIG. 3C, col.6: 15-40).

Claim 62:

Claim 62 is a computer-readable medium version, which recites the same limitations as those of claim 49, wherein all claimed limitations have been addressed and/or set forth above. Therefore, as the reference teaches all of the limitations of the above claim, it also teaches all of the limitations of claim 62.

Conclusion

11. Applicants' amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to examiner Thuy Dao (Twee), whose telephone is (571) 272 8570. The examiner can normally be reached on every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 6:00AM to 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam, can be reached at (571) 272 3695.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273 8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the TC 2100 Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272 2100.

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